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TO Chief, SR	<i>Note!</i> <i>See Werting OPS. in Alaska memo dated 21 Aug. in this file</i>		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.
INFO Chief, KUCLOB Chief, SR / DOB			DATE 17 FEB 1960
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1. A representative of KUCLOB visited Anchorage 6-9 February and from our point of view it was most worthwhile. There was a direct benefit from the discussion here, but perhaps an indirect benefit will result from the fact that there is one in the Headquarters KUCLOB organization who has some sense of touch with the nature of the Station here. While there is no current need for frequent visits, I suggest that SR Division encourage KUCLOB to include Anchorage in a schedule of periodic visits.

2. In our monthly letter to Chief, SR for September 1959, RAKA-1023, we listed in an attachment, points relating to preparatory action for war. I wish to confirm to SR Division views that I expressed to the KUCLOB representative regarding the 52 cases of equipment which we have in Alaska.

a. If we are to put any substance in our planning to support a military effort in time of war, we must have major equipment in Alaska before the emergency arises. We cannot depend on transport of tonnage after the emergency arises.

b. At some stage we should uncrate the equipment and test it. This will require trained personnel on TDY and advance work by the ☐ on operating space and arrangements for resealing. The military here have such sealing problems on instruments, etc.

c. The considerations as to time of testing should include the following:

(1) Resolution of internal ALCON questions on space and budget matters at the new relocation center on the Kenai Peninsula. If we press too much we may get a bill that we don't want.

(2) ALCON intelligence testing schedules. Although modest, we have shown some progress in preparatory action and, in the interest of KUBARK relationship with one of the few unified commands reporting directly to the JCS, we should continue to show cooperation supported by tangible actions which they "like to report to the JCS" in their required periodic summaries.

(3) Training plans for ARDEPOF with the thought of testing simulated operational communications.

(4) Need for exploring practical solutions to problems and determination of time factors involved in movement of minimum essential trained personnel to Alaska and in bringing the equipment to operating status. While we have informal understandings which lead us to expect some help from the military in regard to personnel in event of an emergency, this does not include trained commo people. I have held the view that unless we can move one plane load of personnel from the 48 contiguous states to Alaska, we will not have need for the special equipment. It will not take many people to put KUBARK in business on short notice but it will take some. In my opinion it is entirely reasonable to assume that KUBARK can move a few people to Alaska even in a dire emergency. However if desired for backstopping it is feasible from the local viewpoint to recruit a couple of non-government residents of Alaska for emergency commo duty. The training would fall to Headquarters but Anchorage could handle the other responsibilities. (I did not cover the possibility of recruitment of local residents with the KUCLOB representative.)

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(5) A test might be feasible for the latter part of the summer or early fall of 1960. At this time I am inclined to believe a test in 1961 with adequate time for advance planning would be better than a rush program. It is important that any KUBARK testing effort appear smooth and professional in the eyes of the military here.

3. While ☐ ☐ was on TDY at Headquarters early this month, KUCLUB personnel talked with him about the necessity of periodic replacement of certain elements of the equipment in storage. Perhaps the practical procedure can be established and the first replacement made when the equipment is assembled and tested.

4. In absence of instructions to the contrary, I do not plan during the remaining period of my tour to do more than have the equipment moved from Klamendorf AFB to adequate storage space at the Relocation Center.

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